

**SENATE CONCURRENT
RESOLUTION No. _____**

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED RESOLUTION

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION Honoring the designation of Highway 162 from U.S. 231 to the overpass at Interstate 64 as the William A. Koch Memorial Highway.

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Whereas, over the years, Mr. Koch has had an unusual hobby: highways; and

Whereas, out of all the road projects he worked on, Interstate 64 was his pride and joy; and

Whereas, he worked diligently to move Highway 64 from its originally planned location to its current route, which runs straight across the southern part of the state; and

Whereas, the opening of Interstate 64 brought great economic growth to Southern Indiana.

Whereas, AK Steel built major production facilities in Rockport, Indiana and Toyota built a vehicle manufacturing plant in Princeton, Indiana.

Whereas, the economic impact of Interstate 64 created a ripple effect benefitting other small businesses and communities in the region; and

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Whereas the development of Highway 162 also led Mr. Koch to develop the World's first theme park; and

Whereas, Santa Claus Land opened its doors nine years before Disneyland in 1946; and

Whereas, Bill Koch and the rest of the Koch family steered Santa Claus Land from a quaint kiddie park to a major attraction with roller coasters and a water park; and

Whereas, in 1984, Santa Claus Land changed its name to Holiday World; and

Whereas, building highways and amusement parks were not the only projects on which Mr. Koch worked; and

Whereas, his other significant projects include: the Lincoln Boyhood National Memorial, the Santa Claus Industrial Park, the Town of Santa Claus, Christmas Lake Village, the Kringle Place Shopping Center, and Holiday Village; and

Whereas, Bill Koch was humble about his accomplishments and candid about his failures; and

Whereas, he said, "Not everything has worked. We quit as many things as we started. You don't give up. You just keep going. You try something new;" therefore

Be it resolved by the Senate of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana, the House of Representatives concurring:

Section 1. That the General Assembly honor the designation of Highway 162 from U.S. 231 to the overpass at Interstate 64 as the William A. Koch Memorial Highway.

Section 2. That the Secretary of the State transmit copies of the Resolution to his wife, Pat Koch, and his five children, Will Koch,



Kristi Koch, Daniel Koch, Philip Koch, and Natalie Koch.

